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## Interview Summary

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**Examiner**

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 28 February 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 34.

Identification of prior art discussed: Locker, et al. (US 6,077,483).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: A proposal to amend claim 34 cancelling item (v) was discussed. Examiner agreed that the proposed amendment rendered the current rejection moot but the patentability of the other species of the claim is inconclusive since they were not examined. Certain claim language ("organic material which disappears by burning") was discussed and applicant was advised to clarify whether or not it is a positive process limitation.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Diana J. Liao/  
Examiner, Art Unit 1793

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